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New Year

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Special service and tables provided for family or guest parties.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f-c
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller spent Christmas with friends in Mt. Pleasant.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f

R. H. Brown and daughter, Miss Helen, spent Christmas in Greenville, guests at the home of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wagner spent Christmas in Grand Rapids, guests at the home of relatives in that city.

John Gongwer left Tuesday for Mansfield, Ohio, where he will visit with relatives for the next two weeks.

Orville L. Allen of Ithaca was listed in the casualty lists yesterday as slightly wounded in the casualty lists.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft of Plymouth spent Thanksgiving at the home of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Day.

Private Ralph Miller has received his discharge at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., and has returned to his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brehm of Minneapolis, Minn., are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard.

The name of Carl E. Sibert, R. F. D. 6, Ithaca, appeared in the list of slightly wounded in the casualty lists in the newspapers today.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ostrander have returned from Houghton, where they have been living, and are again making this city their home.

Margaret, the month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas of Arcadia township, passed away at their home on December 18.

Donald Howe, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Howe of Lafayette township, died at the home of his parents on December 18.

Mrs. Bell Cohoon of St. Louis, a former resident of this city, left the first of the week for California, where she will spend the winter.

Ralph Wheaton, who has been in training at Camp MacArthur, Texas, has received his discharge and returned to his home in this city.

Clarence Banghart, who is in training at Great Lakes, Illinois, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Banghart, of this city.

Very high grade violin for sale, or will exchange for vacant lot or equity. Inquire S. L. Bennett, insurance office, rooms 4 and 5, opera house block. 74-2-c

Lieutenant Donald Smith, who has been in training at Hicks Field, Tex., is spending Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith.

Byron McCarty, who has been in training in the army for the past few months, has received his discharge and returned to his home in this city.

The name of Herbert W. Simson, 367 Pleasant avenue, Alma, appeared in the casualty lists of Wednesday as wounded in action, degree undetermined.

Hubert Brainerd has accepted a position with the Transport Truck company of Mt. Pleasant and will move with his family to that city next week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Rockwell of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Edna Kelly of Detroit, and H. B. Crawford of Detroit spent Christmas with Mrs. Harry Rockwell.

Robert Schultz, who is attending the University of Michigan this year, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schultz.

Lucile, the year-and-a-half-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grover, passed away at their home on December 16. The funeral was held on December 18, and interment made in Riverside cemetery.

William VanBuskirk, aged about 60 years, an Ithaca resident, was instantly killed last Thursday evening, when he stepped in front of a train on the Ann Arbor railroad tracks. He is survived by a daughter and two brothers. The funeral was held Sunday from his late home in Ithaca.

DIED FRIDAY

Aged Alma Woman Died at Home on Orchard Street of Pneumonia.

Mrs. Emily Whitbeck Pierce, aged 66 years, a resident of Alma for many years died Friday at her home on Orchard street from pneumonia.

The funeral was held from the residence on Sunday, December 22, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Roy, whose whereabouts are unknown. He is the only living relative, so far as is known.

The philosophy of the W. S. S. is save, save, save.

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-1f

FIFTH LOAN

Government Advises Investors to Put Money Where It is Safe.

About the saddest thing in the world is to undergo self-denial for years, to save money and then to see the "rainy day fund" wiped out by the failure of some "wild cat" scheme.

This happens every day. Widows and hard-working men are credulous. They listen to the oily promises of "get rich quick" promoters and hand over their savings to slick salesmen with "blue sky" securities promising impossible profits.

And when the bolt falls out of the clear sky the pitiful savings of years disappear in an instant. "The Bonanza Patrol Co. has gone up. We are ruined!" Then there is nothing to do but begin life all over—and at a time when earning capacity has begun to ebb and the way is thornier than ever before.

Whatever the temptation may have been in the past to do this thing, there is no excuse for it now. Hundreds of thousands of experienced publicity and investment men have been at work for nearly two years, under the authority of the American Government, educating millions of people in the fine art of safe investing.

It is undoubtedly the fact that more people are saving money today than ever before in all the history of the world. And more of the people are interested in the proper handling of their savings accumulations. Literally millions have been taught to buy Government bonds, and they have learned to buy Thrift and War Savings Stamps as the best possible way to prevent the waste of fugitive quarters and dimes.

The government will offer another chance to "get in on the ground floor" during the spring when the Fifth Liberty Loan is offered. The money will be spent to pay the cost of maintaining and restoring to their homes the valiant soldiers who have won for America the world's greatest victory. The bills must be paid and the American people must pay them.

From the "thrift and savings" viewpoint the Fifth Liberty Loan will be as good as, or even better than, the previous Liberty Loans. It is likely to have a shorter maturity and that will enable the holder to obtain a generous income while he holds them and get his principle back, with a handsome appreciation during the coming period of intense activity and prosperity.

TAKE OFFICE

Gratiot Officials Take Office With Coming of New Year.

The men elected to office in Gratiot county at the November elections will assume the duties of their offices on January 1, 1919.

With only two exceptions these men will succeed themselves in office, where they have rendered the county efficient service. The newcomers to county offices are Alfred T. Willert, sheriff-elect, and W. C. Folkert, treasurer-elect.

The new officials after January 1 will be as follows: Sheriff—Alfred T. Willert. Clerk—Bernie L. Case. Treasurer—W. C. Folkert. Register of Deeds—Bird Tucker. Drain Commissioner—Erva Laycock.

Circuit Court Commissioners—J. D. Spinney and Newell Smith. Coroners—Will K. Ludwig and B. C. Hall.

Surveyor—Joseph W. Harrod.

DIED OF INFLUENZA

Mrs. Margaret Goldie Johnston died at her home, 408 Orchard street, on Saturday, December 21, following an attack of influenza. She was 29 years of age. The body was shipped to Holland Monday for burial.

Mrs. Isley's Letter
In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f

G. B. PORTER



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Ellison's Grocery

FOR THE POOR

Republic Circle Club Aided Poor to a Fine Christmas.

A movement started by the Circle club of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. of this city, brought over \$400.00 into the coffers of the club, which has been used in the purchase of articles for the poor of the city, and particularly for the needy among the workmen of the company.

Well filled baskets, nearly half a hundred in number, were prepared by a number of the ladies of the club, for the families of the needy.

Toys accompanied the baskets to homes where there were little tots. By this means the Circle club aided in taking Christmas cheer into a half hundred Alma homes, which otherwise might have found the day dark, and dreary, and long, a day without happiness and good cheer.

ALMA SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N
The annual meeting of the members of the Alma Savings & Loan association will be held at the office of the secretary on Monday evening, January 13, 1919, for election of directors and transaction of business. 75-3-c

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many kind neighbors and friends for their kind acts, their sympathetic and comforting words, and their beautiful floral offerings during our recent sad bereavement, and also to thank Rev. Gelson for his touching words. R. H. Brown and daughter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their beautiful floral offerings and their assistance in our bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Err Newcomer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas. p

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